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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing ten of these references. The relevance of these ten references can be seen from the International Search Report. The English abstracts for the Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed.

Please note that the English language translations of six Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed. Please also note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translations may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text.

Please also note that enclosed are copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,329,491, 5,434,618, 6,094,693, 6,438,086, 6,766,417 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0080985 which are English language counterparts for Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 7-28968, 6-350907, 10-69420, 2000-122923, 2001-184257 and 2003-308240, respectively.

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Please note that the enclosed two publications and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 63-228281, 64-76316 and 7-320018 are discussed on pages 1-3 of the specification.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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